Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The West Center Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota, began meeting in people's homes in Leroy Township north of Madison in 1882; and,

Whereas, West Center Baptist Church started with 16 charter members in May 1885, and has grown to an average Sunday attendance of 215 in 2010; and,

Whereas, West Center Baptist Church is a vibrant presence in the community with emphasis on children and youth programs, with a special calling to train and supply new pastors and missionaries, and with plans to build a new facility in the near future; and,

Whereas, Special recognition needs to be given to the past and present members of this congregation who have faithfully conducted and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize West Center Baptist Church of Madison as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary in the life of this church:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2010, as

WEST CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH OF MADISON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State